

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

PLANNING AND BOOKING YOUR VISIT

When are you open for school educational visits?

We are open for educational visits on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. We have two slots a day, 9:50 am to 1:00 pm or 10:20 am to 1:30 pm.

Do I need to book for a school educational visit?

Booking is essential, even for self-conducted groups. Groups who have not booked will be turned away. Please visit [our school visits page](#) or call Visitor Services on 01279 843333.

Is there a maximum group size?

The maximum group size is 30. If your group is larger than 30 students, we may be able to split your group over 2 timeslots or multiple days, subject to availability.

For the guided tour we ask that large groups divide into smaller groups of approximately 15.

Is there a charge for school educational visits?

No, educational visits are free of charge.

What covid-safe measures do you have in place?

We are hoping to be able to offer educational visits this year free of covid restrictions, however if the situation changes, we will be able to introduce measures to ensure that the risks for everyone onsite are reduced.

How accessible are the Studios & Gardens?

There is a fair bit of walking involved, and though we do have paths and benches, much of your visit will be on grassland. We do have a limited number of mobility scooters available to borrow for outdoor use only. You must transfer from our outdoor vehicles to a self-propelled wheelchair when indoors. Please call us in advance to make a booking.

Can we bring our own wheelchair/mobility scooters?

Please feel free to bring your own wheelchair or mobility scooter.

Is there a café or shop?

Students can buy tea, coffee, soft drinks and light snacks at the Visitor Centre café from 11am. The shop sells a selection of affordable souvenirs including postcards and books.

Do you have anywhere to eat packed lunches?

If the weather is fine, we have an uncovered picnic area by the Henry Moore Archive with tables and seating for students to eat their packed lunches. There is an additional uncovered picnic area located next to *Large Figure in a Shelter*, which is more shaded. If the weather is cool/inclement each school will have

a timed slot of half an hour where they can use the Interpretation Room to eat their lunch (subject to availability). All rubbish must be collected and put into the bins/refuse bags provided before leaving the room. Picnicking is not permitted on the estate outside of the designated picnic area.

What should the students wear?

Dress appropriately for the weather! Although we do have paths, most of the sculpture gardens are grassland and can get very muddy. On a wet day, bring wellies and a coat!

How many adults do I need to bring to supervise the students?

Your group will be divided up for your tour so that there are a maximum of 15 students per tour guide.

We ask Primary school groups to ensure they have at least 2 adults for every 15 students. For Secondary school groups, we require 1 adult per 10 students, plus an additional supervising adult who can step in with any of the tour groups if necessary. This ensures that your students remain supervised at all times.

As an example, if you have 28 primary school students, we will divide them into 2 groups so you will need 4 supervising adults.

If you have 28 secondary school students, we will divide them into 2 groups so you will need 3 supervising adults.

TRAVELLING TO HENRY MOORE STUDIOS & GARDENS

Is there somewhere for the coach to park?

Yes, there are 2 coach spaces in our Visitor car park, opposite the Visitor Centre. School groups must arrive and leave promptly so we can manage our limited coach bays. Please state your mode of transport on your booking form.

Which is the best route for coaches to drive to Studios & Gardens and is there a maximum coach size?

We are in a rural location accessible only via unmarked roads, which narrow in many places to single file traffic, therefore we insist that all coaches follow a certain route. Please see the Coaches and Driving Routes to Perry Green PDF. Feel free to pass this on to your coach company. The maximum coach length is 11 metres due to the narrow country lanes. If you arrive in a larger coach your deposit will be forfeited.

CODE OF CONDUCT WHEN VISITING THE STUDIOS & GARDENS

Can we eat and drink in the galleries?

Eating and drinking is not allowed in the exhibition, the Aisled Barn, Hoglands or the studios. Picnics are not permitted outside of the designated picnic areas.

Can we smoke within the grounds of the Studios & Gardens?

Henry Moore Studios & Gardens is a **non-smoking** site.

Can we take photographs?

You are welcome to take photographs for personal use whilst *outside* on the grounds and inside the studio spaces. Photography for professional use or publishing requires a photography permit which must be arranged in advance.

Can we sketch on the grounds?

By all means, sketch away! Just be sure to take everything with you when you leave.

Can we touch the Artwork?

We enforce a strict **no touching** policy inside the Aisled Barn and the studios.

While you are *outside* on the grounds, you are welcome to touch the works, but **please do not climb on the works, or sit, stand or climb on their plinths (these are bronze too). Please note that the plinths are specially treated with preservative chemicals which could cause irritation.** On very bright, sunny days the bronzes can be quite hot, so be careful!